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Subject: Talks on Genetically Modified Seed and Crop Export Rules

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Dear Sirs:

Regarding the recent and maybe ongoing talks on genetically modified (GM) seeds and crops, I read that the U.S. is taking positions counter to many European nations regarding the level of disclosure of information to consumers. I would hope that the U.S. will give its citizens the maximum freedom in choosing its products, especially those that might affect our health. Therefore, I and many people that I know would strongly prefer labelling that clearly identifies such GM-based foods. This will also require information disclosure by exporting to importing nations.

I will add that I think that such disclosure of information to consumers pertains to other food related issues such as irradiation and BGH. While many corporations resist such labelling under the grounds that it may create an unnecessary stigma for their products, I think that consumer protection outweighs such concerns, especially when there is no longterm data on any effects.

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